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SUBJECT: SPANISH DEMARCHE ON SHOE IMPORT CASE

1. AMBASSADOR ROVIRA CALLED MARCH 23 ON UNDER SECRETARY-  
DESIG'ATE COOPER TO PRESENT SPANISH VIEWS ON PENDING ITC  
SHOE IMPORT CASE. ROVIRA PRESENTED LETTER FROM FOREIGN  
MINISTER OREJA FOR DELIVERY TO SECRETARY  
VANCE AS WELL AS  
AIDE MEMOIRE SUMMARIZING SPANSIH VIEWS; COPIES WILL BE  
POUCHED.

2. THRUST OF OREJA LETTER AND AIDE MEMOIRE IS SIMILAR TO  
PREVIOUS SPANISH ARGUMENTS, CITING SERIOUS SPANISH TRADE  
AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, NEED TO AVOID ACTIONS  
WHICH MIG'T PROVOKE RETALIATION BY OTHER MAJOR TRADING  
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COUNTRIES, AND SPIRIT OF 1976 TREATY (SUPPLEMENTARY AGREE-  
MENT NUMBER 2) TO AVOID RESTRICTIVE TRADE MEASURES.

3. COOPER NOTED IN RESPONSE THAT 1976 TREATY DID NOT  
EXCLUDE ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH GATT PROVISIONS ON ESCAPE  
CLAUSE PROCEEDINGS. HE AGREED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF ITC  
RECOMMENDATION ON SHOE IMPORTS WOULD HAVE HARMFUL INTERNA-

TIONAL EFFECTS. HE SAID OREJA LETTER AND SPANISH VIEWS WOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY AND THE

ECONOMIC POLICY GROUP. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE TO WEIGH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS IN REACHING HIS DECISION AND ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POSSIBILITY OF CONGRESSIONAL OVERRIDE IF HE DOES NOT ACCEPT THE ITC RECOMMENDATION. ONE OF THE OPTIONS THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE BEFORE HIM WILL INVOLVE NO RESTRAINT ON IMPORTS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS THAT OPTION, BUT DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD DECIDE.

4. ROVIRA COMMENTED THAT HE HAD FOUND SYMPATHY FOR SPAIN'S PROBLEMS AMONG SOME CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS, TO WHICH COOPER REPLIED THAT THERE WERE OTHER CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS MUCH MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF THE US SHOE INDUSTRY. -- -

5. ROVIRA ADDED IN CONCLUSION THAT HE PLANNED TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH DR. BRZEZINSKI LATER IN THE WEEK, WHICH COOPER AGREED WOULD BE USEFUL.

6. IN AN EARLIER MEETING, ROVIRA ALSO CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ MARCH 22. KATZ ASSURED ROVIRA THAT ALL OF THOSE INVOLVED IN MAKING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL DECISION, INCLUDING SECRETARY VANCE, ARE FULLY MINDFUL OF THE IMPLICATIONS FOR SPAIN AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE UPCOMING DECISION. HOWEVER, THE DOMESTIC ASPECTS OF THIS CASE ARE EQUALLY PRESSING AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ADMINISTRATION FACES A SERIOUS DILEMMA. RESPONDING TO ROVIRA'S QUERY, KATZ NOTED THAT THE GENERAL INSTINCTS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION ARE TOWARD FREE TRADE, BUT MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IMPORTANT DOMESTIC INTERESTS AS WELL.

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